REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered prior to the examination of this continuation application. By this amendment new claim 18 has been added. Support for these amendments may be found in the originally filed claims and throughout the specification. No new matter has been added. The above amendment to the specification of the application is to properly claim priority from the parent case in this application. The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/976,175, filed on October 12, 2001.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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